

payment of Rs.15,000/-. The trap was laid by CBI in association with Railway Vigilance.

(d) and (e) One person named Shri Ram Kumar was arrested by CBI.

(f) Railways are not aware of the outcome as the case is being investigated by CBI.

[English]

IA and AI Medical Wings

286. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and Air India have appointed dieticians to look after the flying crew and set up gymnasiums, physiotherapy units at their medical wings;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the criteria adopted by these airlines to appoint dieticians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (c) Indian Airlines has two Gymnasiums in Delhi. They have not appointed any Dietician.

Air India has not set up any Gymnasium. However, the airline has appointed a Dietician in the Medical services Department at Mumbai to primarily guide and advise the overweight crew on dieting measures.

New Railway Projects

287. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :
SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA :
SHRI D.P. YADAV :
SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :
SHRI DHARAMABHIKSHAM :
SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR ROY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of new railway lines laid, doubled, converted into broad gauge and surveyed during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 till date, zone/State-wise;

(b) the details of the new railway lines for which survey is being proposed during the current year;

(c) the present stage and the time by which above work mentioned at part (a) are likely to be completed, project-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated, therefor, project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

TV Media Statellite Programme by Foreign Channel

288. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :
SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE :
SHRI SURESH PRABHU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the anti-India T.V. media satellite programme being relayed in India at foreign channels ; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) Government have already introduced a Broadcasting Bill in the Parliament, which among other things, seeks to regulate the foreign satellite channels and bring them within the ambit of Indian laws and regulations including a broadcasting code. The Bill has been referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament.

[Translation]

Number of AIR Stations in Haryana

289. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places where All India Radio is functioning in Haryana and since when they are broadcasting the programmes;

(b) Whether keeping in view the geographical composition and cultural heritage of Haryana these stations are sufficient;

(c) if so, the total population and areas being covered by these stations;

(d) whether the Government also propose to open more All India Radio Stations in the state; and

(e) if so, names of the places where these stations are proposed to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) At present, two AIR Stations, one each at Rohtak and Kurukshetra are functioning in Haryana. Programmes are

being broadcast w.e.f. 8.5.76 and 24.6.91 respectively from these stations.

(b) to (e) Radio coverage is available to the entire state of Haryana from these two stations and from Delhi Channels. Hence, from radio coverage point of view both area and population wise, the existing centres are considered sufficient. However, a local Radio station with 6 KW FM Tr. MP studio is being set up at Hissar. The station is expected to be completed by December, 1997.

[English]

Irregular Functioning of A.I.R Leh

290. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether frequent break down in broadcasting services have become routine affairs of the Leh station of the AIR;

(b) whether most of the recordings and portable equipments have shifted to Kargil station of AIR resulting further deterioration of the programmes of Leh station of AIR;

(c) whether listeners have complained many times to the AIR authorities at Leh, as well as , Delhi for weak receptions in the remote areas and substandard and lack lustre programme being broadcast over the said station; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such occurrence in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Do not arise.

Daily flights from Vizag -Hyderabad and Vizag-Chennai-Calcutta

291. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to operate daily flights from Vizag-Hyderabad and Vizag-Chennai in view of public demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI

JAYANTHI NATRAJAN): (a) to (c) Commercial and operational constraints at present do not permit operation of daily services on these routes. Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines is, however, already operating three flights per week on Vizag/Chennai/Vizag sector, six flights per week on Hyderabad/Vizag/Hyderabad sector and three flights per week on Vizag /Calcutta/Vizag route.

Guidelines for Private Airlines

292. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government intend to withdraw guidelines which make it mandatory for private airlines operating on trunk and other profitable routes as well as on an uneconomic routes;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the adverse impact of such a decision in communication-wise difficult zones or areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) However, various suggestions for providing concessions to air operators connecting the far flung, remote and inaccessible areas like the North-Eastern region, J & K, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are under consideration.

[Translation]

Working Hours of Pilots

293. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the prescribed working hours for the Pilots and crew members;

(b) whether the Government intend to reduce their working hours; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) Members of flight crew (both cockpit and cabin crew) are required to be utilised by operators in such a manner that they do not exceed flight time, flight duty time limitations and rest hours as notified by the DGCA.